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SUBJ: OPPOSITION PARTIES CALL FOR SOUTH AFRICAN

WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA

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1. STATEMENTS OF MPLA LEADER NETO MADE IN BRAZZAVILLE AND
LUANDA RECENTLY REGARDING SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA
HAVE PRODUCED NO RPT NO OFFICIAL REACTION HEERE. SAG HAS
BEEN TOTALLY SILENT IN THE FACE OF CONTINUING REPORTS IN
THE PRESS THAT SOME FORM OF INDIRECT CONTACT IS TAKING
PLACE. PRESS SPECULATION ALTERNATES BETWEEN CHEERFUL
THOUGH THAT CONFRONTATION MAY BE AVOIDED, AND DISHEARTENING
NOTICE OF DECLARATIONS THAT SOVIETS AND CUBANS INTEND TO
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CONTINUE SUPPORTING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, WHILE NETO SAYS

HIS FORCES WILL DRIVE SOUTH AFRICANS OUT OF ANGOLA.

2. BOTH UNITED PARTY AND PROGRESSIVE REFORM PARTY FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN REACTED TO LATEST NETO STATEMENT. PRP LEADED COLIN EGLIN SAID THAT IN VIEW OF RECOGNITION OF MPLA BY SOME OF THE AFRICAN STATES THAT HAD ALLEGEDLY URGED SAG TO INTERVENE EARLIER, IT WAS TIME NOW FOR SAG TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER ITS INTERESTS AND DECLARE ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD A POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT WITH THE MPLA. UP SPOKESMAN JAPIE BASSON SAID, "THERE IS NOW NO QUESTION THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL HAVE TO COME TO TERMS WITH HIM (NETO) IN REGARD TO THE PRESENCE OF OUR FORCES IN THAT COUNTRY." BOTH REPEATED EARLIER CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLAN TERRITORY.

3. PRESS REPORTED THAT NEITHER FONMIN MULLER NOR MINDEF BOTHA HAD BEEN PREPARED TO COMMENT ON NETO'S LATEST STATEMENTS. EDMONDSON

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